

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
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Friends,

Last week's Governor & Council meeting approved a number of regional issues and several with statewide impact:

**IN CENTRAL NH:** Housing and transitional support to homeless individuals; extending support for children's mental health awareness activities via NAMI, low-cost loan to finance water system improvements in Belmont, extension of work on the Suncook River erosion study; water system management improvements in Franklin; and replacement of DoT fuel tanks in Andover, Franklin, and Canterbury.

**IN MONADNOCK & WESTERN NH:** an arts grant to the Apple Hill Chamber Players of Nelson; Kemp Brook area restoration and pollinator habitat restoration in Walpole; moving the Keene DHHS District office from 809 Court st to 109 Court St; and housing and transitional support to homeless individuals.

**IN STRAFFORD CO:** Housing and transitional support to homeless individuals; transfer management of properties along Rt 4 in Dover amongst state agencies; accept a conservation trust in Durham; and grant \$550k to the city of Rochester for wastewater facility projects.

**STATEWIDE:** a third contract to restore and improve [www.nhhealthcost.org](http://www.nhhealthcost.org), which should be back online in June and renovated by year-end; accounting for more revenue from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative than expected; a statewide immunization registry (which discussion of proper opt-in/opt-out policies); and development of an automated victim information & notification system.

**APPOINTMENTS:** See below

The next meeting is on THURSDAY May 8. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know via email at [cvanostern@nh.gov](mailto:cvanostern@nh.gov) or by calling me at (603) 290-5848.

Sincerely,  
Colin

Executive Councilor, District 2

*ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON ITEMS MENTIONED, BELOW.*  
(FOR [FULL DOCUMENTATION ON EACH, SEE THIS LINK](#))

## **1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH**

[#36A](#) Authorized to enter into agreements, one of which is **retroactive**, with the vendors as detailed in letter dated April 2, 2014, to provide permanent and transitional housing program(s) to facilitate the movement of homeless individuals to permanent housing and maximum self-sufficiency through the Federal Continuum of Care program, in an amount not to exceed \$759,401. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#40](#) Authorized to exercise a renewal option and amend an existing **sole source** agreement with National Alliance on Mental Health, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-5-13, item #75), by adding support for Social Marketing efforts and Children's Mental Health Awareness activities, increasing the price by \$311,017 from \$200,969 to \$511,986, and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#63](#) Authorized a loan agreement with the Town of Belmont, NH, to finance water system improvements, in the amount of \$375,000. Effective upon G&C approval. **79% Federal, 21% Capital (General) Funds.**

[#65](#) Authorized to amend a **sole source** agreement with Lakes Region Planning Commission, (originally approved by G&C on 11-9-11, item #84), to complete the *Suncook River Fluvial Erosion Hazard Community Assistance* project, by extending the completion date to June 30, 2015 from June 30, 2014. No Additional Funding. **100% Capital (General) Funds.**

[#67](#) Authorized to award an Asset Management grant to the City of Franklin, NH, in the amount of \$15,000 to improve public water system management. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#98](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Stephens Marquis Associates Inc., Merrimack, NH, for a new fueling facility and removing the existing fuel tanks at the Andover, Franklin and Canterbury Sheds, on the basis of a low bid of \$856,000. (2)Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$85,600 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through November 14, 2014. **100% Capital Budget Funds.**

## **2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION**

[#17](#) Authorized the Division of Arts to award a Public Value Partnership Grant in the amount of \$6,500 to the Apple Hill Chamber Players, Nelson, to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% General Funds.**

[#18](#) Authorized the NH State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with Cheshire County Conservation District, Walpole, NH, in the amount of \$22,500 for the Kemp Brook Tributary & Floodplain Restoration Project, Town of Fitzwilliam, Cheshire County. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2016. **100% Other Funds – State Conservation Committee.**

[#19](#) Authorized the NH State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with Cheshire County Conservation District, Walpole, NH, in the amount of \$20,900 for the Cheshire County Pollinator Habitat Initiative Project, in Cheshire County. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2016. **100% Other Funds – State Conservation Committee.**

[#36](#) Authorized to enter into an agreement with Pinnacle Office Solutions LLC, Danvers, MA, to move the Keene District Office from 809 Court Street to its new location at 109 Court Street, in the amount of \$20,750. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **60% General, 40% Federal Funds.**

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### **3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY**

[#6](#) Authorized the nomination of Lieutenant Colonel Mark H. Ustaszewski, Lumberton, NJ, for appointment to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, NH Air National Guard. This officer meets all prerequisites for this grade, having been found to be physically, mentally, morally, and professionally qualified.

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[#56](#) Authorized to transfer the management of .56 +/- acres of land, a portion of a 17.8 +/- acre parcel of land, located along Spur Road and US Route 4 in the City of Dover, NH, to the NH Department of Transportation for highway improvements as part of the Newington-Dover 11238 project. \$50,000 from the Department of Transportation will be deposited into the Wildlife Habitat Account. Effective upon G&C approval.

[#58](#) Authorized to accept fee title transfer of one property (Langley Trust, Durham, NH, 48.44 acres of high quality habitat land in the Great Bay region with a market value of \$290,000) from The Nature Conservancy. No state funds were involved with the original purchase or the proposed transfer of this property.

[#66](#) Authorized to award grant aid funds to the City of Rochester, in the amount of \$550,321 for a wastewater facility project. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds.**

### **4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES**

[#24](#) Authorized to enter into a contract with the Center for Health Law and Economics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA, for the provision of consulting services in connection with the initiative to improve and expand the information available on the Department's HealthCost website, [www.nhhealthcost.org](http://www.nhhealthcost.org) for consumers and employers related to health insurance premiums and medical care costs in NH, in the amount of \$174,281. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#34](#) Authorized to accept and expend \$7,500,000 from RGGI Inc., for distribution to electric distribution companies for core energy efficiency programs and rebates to retail electric ratepayers. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Other Funds.**

[#39A](#) Authorized the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control to enter into an agreement with Scientific Technologies Corporation, Scottsdale, AZ, to provide a Statewide Immunization Registry and system maintenance, in an amount not to exceed \$1,359,177. Effective upon G&C approval through January 31, 2019. **9% Federal, 91% General Funds.**

[#87](#) Authorized the Division of State Police to enter into a **sole source** contract with Emergency Communications Network Inc., Ormond Beach, FL, for the purpose of supporting the development of the NH Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification program utilizing the Justice-Once Network Environment for the State of NH, in the amount of \$658,000. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2015, with the option to extend for one additional three-year period. **100% Federal Funds.**

## **5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS**

( \* = District 2 Resident )

### **Compensation Appeals Board**

Hamiloton R. Krans, Dover, NH\*

Christopher T. Regan, Durham, NH\*

### **State Board of Education**

William A. Duncan, New Castle, NH

### **Lakes Management Advisory Board**

John H. Cooley, Center Sandwich, NH

Richard D. Smith, Hancock, NH\*

### **Passenger Tramway Safety Board**

Mark Petrozzi, Gilford, NH

### **Pesticides Control Board**

Susan Whittemore, Keene, NH\*

### **Department of Transportation, Director of Finance**

Marie A. Mullen, Bow, NH

### **Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors**

Julie P. Kennedy, New Castle, NH

### **Water Council**

Christopher M. Rawnsley, Antrim, NH

**Confirmed by the Council:**

**Aviation Users Advisory Board**

Christopher Nevins, Hampton, NH

**Community Development Finance Authority**

Janet L. Ackerman, Frankestown, NH

**Board of Hearing Care Providers**

Mary Louise Bronzena, Portsmouth, NH

**Nashua Police Commission**

Carl Andrade, Nashua, NH

**New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board**

George F. Dykstra, Chichester, NH

**Telecommunications Planning and Development Advisory Committee**

Ellen G. Scarponi, Canterbury, NH\*

**Waste Management Council**

Rudy Bazelmans, Nashua, NH

**Wetlands Site Selection Committee**

Rick Van de Poll, Center Sandwich, NH